108TH CONGRESS 1ST SESSION

H. R. 1167

To amend title 38, United States Code, to permit remarried surviving spouses of veterans to be eligible for burial in a national cemetery.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

March 6, 2003

Mrs. Wilson of New Mexico introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

A BILL

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- 1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
- 2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,
- 3 SECTION 1. ELIGIBILITY OF SURVIVING SPOUSES WHO RE-
- 4 MARRY FOR BURIAL IN NATIONAL CEME-
- 5 TERIES.
- 6 (a) In General.—Section 2402(5) of title 38,
- 7 United States Code, is amended by striking "(which for
- 8 purposes of this chapter includes an unremarried surviving
- 9 spouse who had a subsequent remarriage which was termi-
- 10 nated by death or divorce)" and inserting "(which for pur-

- 1 poses of this chapter includes a surviving spouse who had
- 2 a subsequent remarriage)".
- 3 (b) Effective Date.—The amendment made by
- 4 subsection (a) shall apply with respect to deaths occurring
- 5 on or after January 1, 2000.

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